



## SPEAKER SERIES

### Dr. Gary L. Hylander **BATTLE OF THE BULGE**



This month marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, perhaps the greatest battle ever fought by the U.S. Army. A few tired or inexperienced U.S. divisions, assigned to what was supposed to be a quiet sector in the Ardennes region of Belgium, were assaulted by thirty German panzer and infantry divisions and 600 tanks in a massive surprise offensive. It was a perfect example of shock and awe. Except that in December 1944, it was Americans who were on the receiving end.

Gary L. Hylander earned his PhD at Boston College. His advisor and dissertation director was the noted Boston historian Thomas H. O'Connor. Hylander is currently an independent scholar who specializes as a presidential historian, pedagogical specialist for the NEH, and has been professor of history at Framingham State University and at Stonehill College. He is a frequent presenter at library forums, historical societies, senior living centers, civic and professional organizations, as well as a public affairs commentator on local cable news and radio.

Hylander is a dynamic speaker who is as much fun to watch as to listen to. He has an amazing recall of details and facts. He knows his subject inside and out, and has presented a wide range of topics on American History.



*Admission is Free – All Are Welcome*

**Thursday, January 29, 2015, 7:00 PM**  
**Community Room, Walpole Public Library**  
**143 School Street, Walpole, MA**